

Who is the Most Talked of Man in St. Louis?

See his interview and pictures in next Sunday's Republic.

NINETY-THIRD YEAR.

## DRAMATIC SCENES IN JESTER'S TRIAL.

Father of the Missing Man Lays His Hand on the Aged Defendant.

PRISONER DOES NOT FLINCH.

Witnesses at Reference to His Sister—Gates's Companion on the Stand—The Opening Statements.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New London, Mo., July 11.—It developed in questioning sixty of the witnesses that the jury was made up of men, whose acquaintance with the case had led them to form an opinion and thus disqualify them as jurors, were The Republic, the Kansas City Star and the local papers. The Republic was mentioned by three representative citizens of Hall County more often than any other paper.

Three-fourths of the jury were born since Gilbert W. Gates was last seen alive. Half the jurors are members of the Christian Church, or, at least, accept its theology. The prisoner professes to have been a member of that church for half a century. The evidence seems to show that theologically he united with the New Light church, a religious body that flourished in Indiana fifty years ago.

P. H. Cullen, Jester's leading attorney, in his statement this morning said that he was willing to admit that his client had in Texas and Oklahoma indulged occasionally in preaching the gospel, but William S. Forest, the Chicago lawyer, declares that Jester never preached with such earnestness and fervor as he did three weeks after he had deserted his own wife and had committed bigamy in Texas.

The old, gray prisoner sits between his two sons. These sons have created a good impression by their quiet bearing and evident affection for their aged father.

The opening statements of the prosecution and defense were as forecasted in The Republic's dispatches. The State made Jester witness by declaring that the sister, whose funeral expenses he professed to have paid, filed a pauper's grave.

The defense admitted the possession of Gates's wagon and horses, but declared they were sold to Jester. It denied there was any murder or any dead man.

Gates's aged father was placed on the stand. A dramatic scene occurred when he was asked to lay his hand on Jester and did so. The prisoner bore the ordeal without flinching.

Hazelhurst, the companion of young Gates on his journey west, identified the effects found with Jester as belonging to Gates and testified of the alleged victim's attachment to the wagon and horse.

The prosecution's statement. "Court opened this morning at 9:30, and T. H. Hoadley proceeded to make the prosecution's statement to the jury. Much of the evidence to be presented has been anticipated in previous dispatches to The Republic. He promised to prove that Gates was seen last in Hall County, between Middle Grove and Paris, Mo., with the alleged murderer, at a given point on the map which he spread out before the jury. He said there were two wagons and two drivers. After passing that point there were two wagons, but only one driver.

The large pool of blood and the drops scattered along the road in the snow he vividly described. Two girls saw the body in the wagon, and were so excited and impressed that they fled from that night. In March they saw a human body in the swollen stream. It was a young man with long, dark hair. Two men saw a body in the wagon. Another saw a corpse partially concealed.

An 18-year-old boy, a medicine peddler, raised the cover of the wagon and saw a body with face partly covered.

Jester said, angrily, "Get away from there and let that boy alone. He is drunk."

The boy afterwards visited Jester in jail and related the above circumstances, saying, "Do you remember me?" "No," replied the prisoner, "and if you swear to what you said, I will send you to the penitentiary for perjury."

Another witness passing Jester looked back and saw the toes of a pair of boots sticking up above the end-gate of Jester's wagon.

The prosecution traced the prisoner through Hannibal, Mo., Naples, Ill., and Des Moines, where he was based on the bounds and coupling pole. They find Jester wearing a suit much too small.

Jester's Dead Sister. The sister whose funeral expenses the old man professes to have paid out of the sale of the famous buffalo calf claimed Roades's attention long enough for him to say, dramatically: "This sister now lies in a pauper's coffin and a pauper's grave."

The faces of the old prisoner and his two sons dashed perceptibly at this declaration.

The extradition trial in Kansas in 1871, return to Paris, Mo., the preliminary trial in the Justice Court, the indictment by the Grand Jury, change of venue to Audrain County, the prisoner's removal to the Mexico jail, his escape and flight to his Kansas home and, twenty-four hours later, his abandonment of this removal to Ohio and then to Indiana, his enlistment in the Union Army, his discharge, re-enlistment and final honorable discharge, his return home and immigration to Kansas.

Mr. Cullen promised that the evidence will show Jester's departure from his Sedgewick County home for Indiana was in order to visit a sister dying of consumption and also to bring his sister, Mrs. Street, home with him to Kansas; that on the way he met Gates and bought him out, January 25, 1871, as outlined in the Jester statement published in The Republic to-day.

He said the defense had never denied the possession of the Gates wagon and team and other articles. Abel A. Gates had written his son a command to get the outfit and come home. Jester saw the letter.

Cullen will try to prove that there was no blood in Hulin's Lane that morning. The road, a much traveled one, was almost thronged with people. The State's star witness is a negro, he said; that witness is now dropped and the medicine peddler substituted.

"This is not prosecution," he shouted dramatically. "But prosecution, the most merciless, insatiable and pitiless ever known in the history of criminal jurisprudence. We will prove that the State's witnesses have been talked with, begged to come here and paid money. No dead man will be

# THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

ST. LOUIS, MO., THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1900.

The Passing of a Grief—Cupid at his old tricks again. See page 1 of next Sunday's Magazine.

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The Bull Frog: "I believe I'll try to expand till I'm as big as you." The Bull: "Really, you flatter me. But be careful you don't bust."—Esop's Fable Revised.

proved. Not 5 per cent of their 125 witnesses were present at the trial in 1871."

Here Cullen closed, and court adjourned for dinner.

Gates's Father Testifies.

Jester was this afternoon confronted by the father of the missing man, Abel A. Gates, who was the stand as the first witness. He is a thin, spare man, 81 years old. His testimony corresponded exactly with what has been already published. Many minute details were given with evident accuracy. He identified his son's power horn found on Jester.

Mr. Forest created something of a sensation by asking witness to designate Alexander Jester by placing his hand on the prisoner. Gates arose and, walking toward Jester, said, "I don't like to do it, but I will." He laid his hand on the man he believed murdered his son. Jester bore the ordeal unflinchingly.

Charles Hazelhurst was placed on the stand at 2:30. He was the companion of Gilbert W. Gates on his journey from Illinois to Kansas. Witness described Gates's outfit, mentioning the team, wagon, dog, watch, two chains, hat and other articles found in defendant's possession when arrested.

He said Gates often refused offers to trade for the watch because it was a family relic and keepsake. He told of the affection existing between the boy and his shepherd dog. He mentioned their route to Kansas, the boy's brief stay in Kansas, his homesickness and subsequently his departure for his father's home.

Court then adjourned. The witness will resume his testimony to-morrow.

BENJAMIN HARRISON'S VIEWS.

Would Not Be Surprised if Bryan Carried Indiana.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Helen, Mont., July 11.—The Livingston (Mont.) Post, a copy of which has just been received here, says:

"Ex-President Harrison and party came out of the Yellowstone Park last Friday evening and returned East that evening. The ex-President was seen by a Post man, and in response to an inquiry as to the political situation, gave it as his opinion that Bryan would carry the country. He said that he would carry the country, but he admitted that Bryan would receive a heavier vote in the East this year than he did in 1896. He thought that the chances of the great Democratic leader in Indiana much better than they ever had been, and said it would not surprise him should the State go Democratic this fall."

"The ex-President did not think that the Republican party had pursued the right course with regard to the trust question, and thought the administration was playing fast and loose with the people on the matter. He regards the administration, however, as having been a wise one for the most part, but admits that several grave mistakes have been made in handling the trusts of government."

PEACE SEEMS NEAR.

British Success at Bethlehem Improves the Prospects.

Pretoria, July 10.—The British success at Bethlehem has considerably improved the prospects for peace, it is said. The whole of the Government of President Steyn of the Orange Free State has surrendered except President Steyn himself. These officials, who are prisoners, have been allowed to communicate with President Steyn for the purpose of attempting to prove to him the uselessness of a continuance of the war, which can only produce bloodshed without any counterbalancing advantages.

It is expected daily. The Boers here say that the command has taken a solemn oath never to personally surrender, but they are beginning to see the unfairness of sacrificing life to personal wishes. It is expected that when General Botha learns of the defeat of his colleagues, he will gladly enter into conferences looking to the establishment of peace.

The need of more civil administrators is urgent, and the necessity for their appointment is becoming daily more apparent. Intelligent administrators with a knowledge of the people could undoubtedly greatly aid in the future settlement of difficulties, inasmuch as a frank feeling in favor of submission is prevalent among the Boers.

PECK CUTS HIS EXPENSES.

Exposition Employees' Salaries Are Materially Reduced.

Paris, July 11.—Ferdinand W. Peck, United States Commissioner General to the Paris Exposition, to-day decided to make a general reduction in the salaries of the employees of the commission.

Notices to this effect were sent to nearly all on the salary list, informing them that after August 1 their compensation would be at a lower rate, the reduction ranging from 10 to 30 per cent.

## CHICAGO TO AVOID STREET CAR STRIKES.

Street Railway Commission Favored Unanimously an Arbitration Clause.

ST. LOUIS DISASTERS CITED.

Commission Resolved That Municipal Ownership at Earliest Possible Date Is Solution of Good Service.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., July 11.—Provisions against the dangers and annoyances attending street railway strikes will be incorporated in the franchise-extension ordinance when they are submitted to the City Council.

The Street Railway Commission, by unanimous vote, decided to-day that the continuing maintenance of the different lines was as important as any other question and that the public should be guarded against a recurrence of the 1895 difficulties of a reputation of the St. Louis disasters.

The commission will insist upon the traction companies obligating themselves to submit differences between their management and employees to arbitration.

The formal presentation of this important feature of the street car situation was made as follows:

"Ought not the municipality to concern itself with the treatment accorded employees by corporations enjoying franchise privileges, and especially ought not the city, when making a grant, take steps to prevent, if possible, interruption to service due to differences between the corporations and their employees?"

A discussion followed the reading of the questions. No member spoke unfavorably to the scheme. Several declared this feature to be as important as compensation.

The troubles attending the present St. Louis strike were pictured, and it was the consensus of opinion that the proposed provision for every franchise extension ordinance could not be made too stringent in this particular.

The commission also resolved that the city should, at an earliest date, become the owner of the tracks and street appliances necessary for the operation of cars as the most practical method of securing good service and directing necessary changes.

SUPPOSED TO BE IN ST. LOUIS.

Man Resembling Missing Beardstown Printer Was Arrested.

Dispatches from Beardstown, Ill., tell of the mysterious disappearance of Al G. Harrison, who fought him in a doorway at the Daily News of that town, on Saturday evening, June 30. His family is reported as unable to advance a cause for his prolonged absence from home.

Sergeant Warren Fox, who is doing clerical duty at the Central Station in the Post Office, says he remembers that about a week ago a man answering the description of Harrison was brought into the station.

The man gave his name as Harrison. He was released when he had sobered up, and, as no record was made of his arrest, as no charge was placed against him, there is no way for the police to learn what became of him after he was released.

The man was arrested by Sergeant Strathman, who found him in a doorway at Eighth and Pine streets. He appeared to be in a stupor. Little of his history could be learned from him, further than that his home was in Beardstown. He was taken in custody merely to prevent him from being injured. He answered the description of the missing man from Beardstown thoroughly.

Harrison is 35 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, of sandy complexion and was dressed in a dark blue suit of clothes, black shoes and brown felt hat with tan band.

AGAINST A GOLD TICKET.

General Buckner Favors Democrats Being Free to Vote.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Louisville, Ky., July 11.—General Simon

## LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri—Generally fair Thursday; warmer except in northeast portion; partly cloudy Friday; southeasterly winds.

For Illinois—Fair Thursday and Friday; cooler in central portions Thursday; warmer Friday; fresh north to east winds.

For Arkansas—Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday; warmer Thursday; southeasterly winds.

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Buffaloes Will Picnic To-Day.

Bullivar Buckner, who was General Palmer's running mate on the National Democratic ticket in 1896, has come out strong against the nomination of a ticket this year.

General Buckner favors adopting a platform denouncing free silver, and not nominating a ticket, leaving the Gold Democrats free to vote as they choose.

REFUSED POSTPONEMENT.

Cable Powers Will Be Tried at Once as an Accessory.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Georgetown, Ky., July 11.—A postponement until October has been denied former Secretary of State Caleb Powers, and his trial under the indictment charging him with being an accessory before the fact to the murder of William Goebel will be proceeded with.

Failing to obtain a continuance, the defense demurred to the indictment on the ground that it is invalid, because, though it names Powers as an accessory, it does not name a principal. The demurrer was overruled by Judge Cantrell and the work of obtaining a jury was begun.

Defense will be permitted fifteen preliminary challenges and the Commonwealth six. But of twenty-four men examining jurors were selected and the others will be drawn from a venire of 100 men to-morrow.

THANK OFFERING COMMISSION.

Opening Session of the St. Louis Conference.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Louis, Mo., July 11.—The opening session of the St. Louis Conference, Twentieth Century Thank Offering Commission, was held this afternoon at the First M. E. Church. The meeting of the commission is to forward the resolution adopted by the Methodist Episcopal, eighteen months ago, to raise a Twentieth Century offering of \$20,000,000 to be used in making 2,000,000 converts.

The meeting was held to-night, was addressed by the Reverend N. Luccock of St. Louis and others. Among those in attendance were: Presiding Elder Frank Lennig and the Reverend J. H. Hunt of Seattle, District Elder S. B. Warner and Doctor N. Luccock, St. Louis; Elder W. T. Wright and Doctor M. S. Hughes, Kansas City; Elder E. P. Anderson and Doctor J. W. Stewart, Carthage; Elder C. V. Criss and H. A. Jones, Springfield; Elder A. E. Hall and Doctor J. J. Martin, Farmington; Elder H. B. Foster and the Reverend F. S. Deane, Rolla.

## GREAT DISASTER OVERTAKES THE ALLIES AT TIEN-TSIN.

Defeated With Heavy Loss by the Chinese, Who Recapture Arsenal and Begin to Loot.

British Admiral Seymour Wounded for the Second Time—Message From Pekin Says: "We Are Near the End. Good-by!"

BY THE REVEREND FREDERICK BROWN.

Special by Cable.

Che-Foo, Thursday, via Shanghai, July 12.—(Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.)—The allied troops, numbering 10,000, have been defeated at Tien-Tsin with great slaughter. The arsenal has been reoccupied by the Chinese.

All Christian residences have been looted. Admiral Seymour has been wounded for the second time.

Sir Robert Hart's courier has arrived at Che-Foo from Pekin with this message:

"Close to the end. Good-by."

Engagement Lasts Six Hours and Allies Suffer Heavily.

By the Associated Press.

London, July 12.—The Express this morning publishes a dispatch from Tien-Tsin, dated Friday last, via Che-Foo, saying:

"General Ma has defeated the allied troops and reoccupied the Chinese eastern arsenal, after inflicting great loss upon its defenders."

"The engagement lasted six hours and was fought with great determination by both sides. The Chinese were eventually able to utilize the effective guns of the fort abutting on the city walls near the Tao Tai Yamen, the allied troops suffering severely from lack of heavy guns and cavalry."

"The Japanese commander sent an urgent appeal to hurry re-enforcements, as the allies were in imminent danger of a general defeat."

Thousands Upon Thousands of Chinese Are Slain.

BY REV. FREDERICK BROWN.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Tien-Tsin, (undated) via Shanghai, July 11.—(Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.)—Martial law has been proclaimed. The allies propose to raze the city of Tien-Tsin as a measure of retaliation and also for sanitary reasons.

Ten thousand Chinese have been slain in the attacks upon Tien-Tsin, and their bodies lie unburied where they fell.

Seven thousand of the enemy fell in the fighting prior to the battles of July 3, 4 and 6. Three thousand were killed during the latter part of the fighting.

The fact that thousands of dead bodies lie unburied adds the threat of pestilence to the other horrors of the siege.

Another menace lies in the fact that the food supply of the besieged is short. Of the civilians here, one Englishman, one Japanese and one Frenchman have been killed. The escape of the women and children from death has been wonderful.

Every house in the European city has been hit during the bombardment.

On July 3, when the allies were attacked by a force of 75,000 Chinese, they were saved only by a rainstorm, which came to them as a direct interposition of Providence.

The fighting waxed furiously on the Fourth. The Russian and German companies suffered heavily, the former alone losing 200 men.

The bombardment on July 3 was most severe. Forty guns at the fort in the native city pounded the foreign settlement.

With the advent of warm weather much disease prevails.

Troops are arriving at Taku every day, and the Pekin relief column will be organized as soon as possible. Women missionaries from the interior are offering their services as nurses, and several medical men have arrived here.

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London, July 12.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Express gives the text of a long edict of Prince Tuan, dated June 29, and addressed to the Chinese Ambassadors, which, the Express declares, is identical with the message from Emperor Kwang Hsu, mentioned by the Shanghai correspond-

ent of the Daily Mail, and with the Chinese edict, published in Washington. The Express considers that the edict proves that Prince Tuan's party is making no attempt to disguise the fact that the worst that could be anticipated has happened. The edict contains the following paragraphs:

"The anger of our people knew no bounds. They could not be restrained. The task of guarding the legations, which before was difficult, was made impossible."

Elsewhere, referring to the desire to Continued on Page Two.